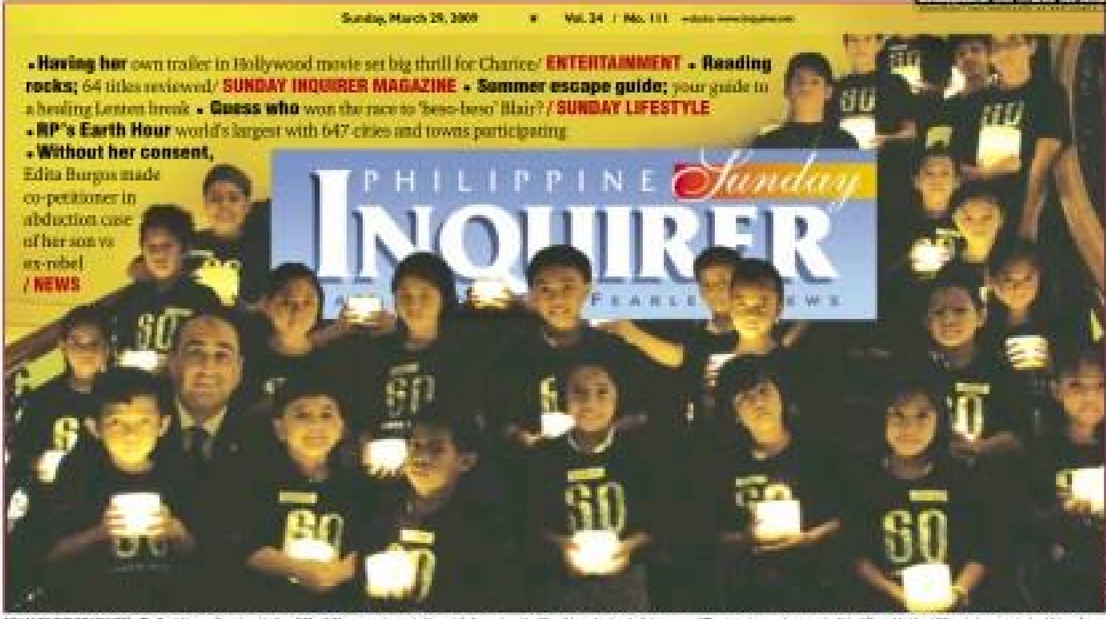
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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

ROMANCING THE DARKNESS The Earth Hour on Saturday night from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. was observed with much fanfare nationwide. What did you do when the lights went out? They turned romantic over at the Makati Shangri-La Hotel. When the hour struck, the children of employees lit up special candles for the hotel's Lobby Lounge while an unplugged orchestra did not miss a beat playing beautiful music. Hotel guests were encouraged to switch off the lights in their rooms and dine by candlelight. Good for Mother Earth and the hotel's bottomline.

Gov't troops pull out

Withdrawal to make way for release of a hostage

By Julie S. Alipala
Inquirer Mindanao

ZAMBOANGA CITY—THE GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED to pull out troops cordoning off an area in Barangay Kuppong in Indanan, Sulu, where Abu Sayyaf bandits are holding captive three aid workers of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

The decision, announced yesterday by Interior Secretary Ronaldo Puno, was made after ICRC president Jakob Kellenberger made a personal appeal for the safe release of Filipino Mary Jean Lacaba, Swiss Andreas Notter and Italian Eugenio Vagni. *(See story on Page A6.)*

Asked when the pullout would take place, Sulu Gov. Abdusakur Tan said it would be as soon as he returned to Sulu, which was yesterday afternoon.

Puno told reporters at the Garden Orchid Hotel here that the decision was aimed at offering "breathing space" to the Abu Sayyaf so that peaceful negotiations could start for the release of the hostages.

He said government troops would provide the Abu Sayyaf "about 120 to 140 square kilometers of a nonaggressive area of operation" starting yesterday.

But there will be no total pullout of soldiers from Sulu, Puno said in explaining the decision reached during a meeting with officials here yesterday morning.

"And if [the Abu Sayyaf] still don't feel safe in that area, then *ibo na yung gusto nilang gawin* (they want to do

GOV'T TROOPS A4

If and when elected in 2010, Panlilio will prosecute GMA

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

IF AND WHEN, PAMPANGA GOV. ED Panlilio will not declare the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos a hero and will see to it that President Macapagal-Arroyo is prosecuted for corruption after her term ends.

Panlilio, the priest who made history by running for public office and beating well-entrenched politicians in Ms Arroyo's home province in 2007, made these statements on Thursday night before potential supporters who wanted to know about his platform should he run for president in 2010.

But Panlilio clarified to the group calling itself "Philippines for Righteous Governance" (PRG) that he had not made up his mind regarding the presidency, and that he would rather be a convenor of ethical and reform-minded leaders who would seek the top posts in the government.

The group that gathered at the house of businessman Patrick Pamaloan in Forbes Park, Makati City, called on Panlilio and other "nontraditional politicians" to join forces to win the

IF AND WHEN A4



KC AT THE BAT KC Concepcion, the Philippines National Ambassador Against Hunger, hits a homerun as she delivers a 30-minute, extemporaneous speech at the UN's World Food Programme headquarters in Rome on Friday.

KC appeals for food for Mindanao's hungry kids

By Gerry Lirio

KC CONCEPCION, THE ELDEST daughter of singer-actress Sharon Cuneta, flew to the headquarters of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) in Rome last week to plead for more funds—at least $7 million (P340 million)—to help feed poor children in Mindanao.

A rising star herself, KC (short for Kristina Cassandra), spoke to some 300 officials and staff members of the WFP as the national ambassador for hunger, a title she shares with actors Sean Penn and Drew Barrymore of Hollywood, soccer superstar Kaka of Brazil, and actor-musician Jang Dong-gun of South Korea.

"The world that has a heart for the hungry is looking at Africa," KC said at the beginning of her 30-minute extemporaneous speech. But it shouldn't

KC APPEALS A4

Work hard, read a lot for your dreams

By Jeffrey M. Tupas
Inquirer Mindanao

DAVAO CITY—HOW DO YOU MAKE dreams come true? Build on your strengths, not your limitations. Don't be afraid to ask people for help, work hard and read a lot.

This was the theme of stories read during the Inquirer Read-Along session held here on Wednesday.

The Read-Along aims to promote the love of reading among children through storytelling sessions with celebrities and volunteer readers.

For this special session, Defense Secretary Gilbert Teodoro read to more than 70 elementary schoolchildren, mostly sons and daughters of soldiers assigned to the Eastern Mindanao Command based in Camp Panacan.

A book lover, Teodoro shared he had just finished reading 14th-century Chinese author, Luo Guanzhong's "Romance of Three Kingdoms" on the plane to Davao for this special Read-Along.

WORK HARD A4



NOT PROCLAMATION BUT LAUNCHING Evangelist Eddie Villanueva of Jesus is Lord Church launches at the Araneta Coliseum Bagong Pilipinas, Bagong Pilipino Movement whose collective leadership, he says, will decide the presidential candidate to support. If not himself, someone like himself—a non-trapo.

The second coming of Bro. Eddie Villanueva

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

IT'S NO-GO FOR A PASTOR-PRIEST team in the 2010 elections.

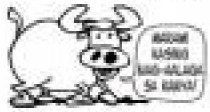
Exploratory talks which began three years ago for a possible 2010 tandem between evangelist Jesus is Lord Church evangelist Eduardo "Bro. Eddie" Villanueva and priest-turned-Pampanga Gov. Eduardo "Ed" Panlilio have fizzled out as both camps appear headed to make their separate bids for the presidency.

At a news conference before the launching of a revitalized political movement at the Araneta Coliseum, Villanueva disclosed that his supporters have been talking to Panlilio since November 2007 on the idea of a Villanueva-Panlilio team-up for the 2010 elections.

Villanueva said he was surprised by the recent turn of events which came to a head during a meeting last March 25 between himself and Panlilio.

Villanueva said the meeting was initiated by Panlilio's supporters from Kaya Natin! Movement led by Harvey Keh, whom he met for the

THE SECOND A4



Erap at 72: Still the envy of the male of the species

By Fe Zamora

WHEN DEPOSED PRESIDENT JOSEPH "Erap" Estrada turns 72 years old next month, he will be the envy of adult men of all ages.

Estrada has never had a heart problem, his blood pressure is an enviable

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Jonas' ma hits inclusion in police case vs ex-rebel

ON THE EVE OF THE 39TH BIRTHDAY OF HER missing activist son Jonas, Edita Burgos yesterday expressed surprise that the police had filed a complaint against a former communist rebel for the abduction of her son on April 28, 2007—and even included her as a co-complainant.

'Miss him so much'

Signs are abducted tutor dead, say cops



Infinity Shines After an Enchanting Evening with Tony Blair



In its second year of honoring their loyal subscribers, Infinity, the premium postpaid brand of SMART Communications, pushed the envelope even further and took things to a whole new level. With the country's movers and shakers gathered in the Grand Plaza Ballroom of the Sofitel Philippine Plaza for a once in a lifetime opportunity, this year's Infinity Awards Night featured a very special guest - none other than the Former Prime Minister of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Mr. Tony Blair. In true Infinity fashion, the ballroom was transformed into a palatial dining room with enormous Large Screen Displays, [illegible] sampaguita chandeliers, providing an elegant Filipino touch for the visiting VIP. As guests settled at their beautifully decorated tables, they enjoyed a sumptuous selection of appetizers and cocktails which were carefully selected. "We shall continue to innovate and provide industry's best offers, privileges and services to our Infinity members," said Julie Carceller, Department Head of Infinity Business Group.

Honoring the Subscribers

As the Awards ceremony got underway, hosts Johnny Litton and Tessa Prieto-Valdes entertained the guests with their wit and chemistry before being joined by SMART Head of Wireless Consumer Division Danilo Mojica and Infinity Business Group Department Head Julie Carceller to award eleven Infinity members. These prestigious awards consisted of the Infinity Constancy Award, which honored subscribers with the highest usage. The Infinity Loyalty Award, for subscribers who hold the most number of Infinity lines, and The Infinity Fidelity Award, for subscribers with the longest Infinity membership. The Infinity Humanity Award was given out to individual subscribers with significant social contribution. Finally, the Infinity Harmony Award was given to outstanding individuals who serve as ambassadors.

MVP and Tony Blair

Just as everyone's excitement had reached its peak, PLDT Chairman Manuel V. Pangilinan delivered an inspiring speech after which the evening's guest of honor Tony Blair, took the stage, displaying the poise and confidence that made him one of the most charismatic Prime Ministers in British history. The former Prime Minister then proceeded to deliver his rousing talk on leadership and sustainability, resonating especially in these trying global times. Echoing Shakespeare, Mr. Blair said that, "All the world's a stage," as he called on each person's role as members of the same global community. He praised Filipino talent and skills, and even quipped that he should have known that he was a neighbor of Pinky Amador - herself a one-time London resident and former Miss Saigon cast member. As he concluded his speech, the awestruck audience showed their admiration and appreciation with a standing ovation. PLDT-SMART Foundation President, Butch Meily, presented Mr. Blair with a computer lab to be named after him in a school in Smokey Mountain, Tondo. Also onstage were Jill Beckingham, wife of British Ambassador Peter Beckingham, Jane Walker, Philippine Christian Foundation CEO and founder of the school, Smart Chief Wireless Advisor Orlando B. Vea and Public Affairs Head Ramon Isberto. Infinity awardees were allowed to get up close and personal with Mr. Blair for a once in a lifetime photo op with the former Prime Minister.



Former Prime Minister of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Mr. Tony Blair and PLDT Chairman Manny Pangilinan

West End Entertainment

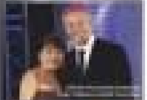
But the evening was far from over. The 725 guests continued to be pampered with a slew of exquisite cuisine and entertainment, starting off with a four-course dinner and an array of Filipino performers who graced London's West End. Songs from the musicals Aida, Miss Saigon, South Pacific, The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, and Aspects of Love were just some of the theater classics to delight the guests. Each number was brilliantly performed by world-class artists who were handpicked from their experience in the UK - namely Lea Salonga, Pinky Amador, Analin Bantug, Robert Sena, Isay Alvarez, Michael Williams, Robbie Guevara, Sheila Francisco, Mio Infante, Carlo Orosa and Audie Gemora, along with The Philippine Ballet Theatre and brilliant orchestration of Gerard Salonga.

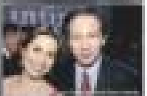
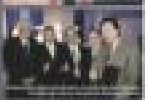
With this affair, Infinity once again showcased its strength and creativity in pioneering premium post-paid services in the country. Offering more than just premium services and mobile packages, Infinity continues to offer prestigious and meaningful experiences that will forever resonate with its premiere clientele.

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RP had the most cities going dark for Earth Hour

Palace to oil firms: Justify hikes or face probe

By Christian V. Esguerra and Abigail L. Ho

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INTERIOR SECRETARY Ronaldo Puno with Sulu Gov. Abdusakur Tan in yesterday's press conference

'Very big concession'

Initial resistance

The second coming of Bro. Eddie Villanueva

Villanueva-Padilla tandem

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Work hard, read a lot for your dreams

How to love reading

First-timers

Inherent toughness

Books as best friends

Accused trader seeks to halt arrest, trial

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

A BUSINESSMAN ACCUSED OF PLUNDER for allegedly defrauding the government of more than P[illegible] million through a tax credit scam has asked the Sandiganbayan not to order his arrest and to defer his arraignment.

In an omnibus motion filed with the Sandiganbayan Third Division, Faustino Chingkoe, an owner of Filstar Textile Industrial Corp., proposed instead that the antigraft court order the Office of the Ombudsman to act on his motion for reconsideration.

He said it was the "inordinate delay" in the preliminary investigation that had led to the filing of plunder charges against him.

Plunder is a nonbailable offense.

Chingkoe, his wife Gloria, two other Filstar officials, and four former officials of the Department of Finance stand accused of plunder for allegedly conspiring in the issuance of tax credit certificates (TCCs) to the textile firm even if it was not qualified as a recipient.

Tax credits are refund payments that export firms are allowed to claim for duties paid on imported materials used for the manufacture of export products.

The government issues TCCs instead of cash refunds, which companies can use to settle tax obligations. Companies can also sell the TCCs to other firms.

The Chingkoe couple are the major suspects in the tax credit scam of the mid-1990s. Some 34 companies then issued allegedly illegally obtained TCCs worth about P1.3 billion.

The government's main witness in the scam is Chingkoe's own brother, John Chingkoe.

In his omnibus motion, Faustino Chingkoe said it took the Office of the Ombudsman almost eight years to complete the preliminary investigation against him.

He said this "clearly constitutes a violation" of his right to due process, and "could not be corrected and should result in the dismissal" of the charges.

Since his motion for reconsideration is pending, his plunder trial should be suspended, his arraignment deferred and the issuance of an arrest warrant held, he said.

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A 'pahabol' to Women's Month



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Neglected issues about global crisis

By Edsel L. Beja Jr.



Two great depressions

Blame capitalism

Skin-deep

Fundamentally flawed

Heart of the world

Overlooked

Stabilize then reform

Avoid relapse

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27 dead in clashes near GMA route

COTABATO CITY—TWENTY MORO SEPARATISTS and seven Marines were killed in clashes that took place a few kilometers from where President Macapagal Arroyo was meeting top provincial officials.



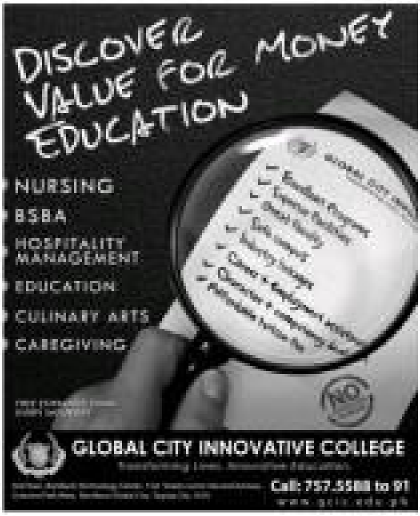
13 dead as minibus rams truck



Priest calls for 'welgang bayan' vs BNPP



Fireworks display turns into mayhem



The 2009 GSIS Painting Competition

A project of the Government Service Insurance System in cooperation with the Art Association of the Philippines

There are two (2) categories for this year's competition: Representational and Non-representational

The competition is open to all Filipino artists 18 years old (by April 25, 2009) and above. Participants may submit only one entry per category. The theme is open.

Required size is 3 x 4 feet (horizontal and vertical excluding frame) with 10 kilos maximum allowable weight including frame.

The entries must be ready for hanging. Appropriate support and/or equivalent devices should be provided to ensure the proper hanging of the artwork.

The medium acceptable is oil in canvas, acrylic on canvas, or watercolor on paper. Entries using collage, decoupage, assemblage or use of non-pigment based materials are not allowed.

The entries must be dated not earlier than 2009, must be an original work of the artist, and must not have been exhibited before, nor revised, nor awarded a prize in another contest.

The entries must be signed and must be properly labeled at the back with the pertinent data of the artist and the artwork. (name, address, contact no., title of entry, medium, year, and price)

Entries must be submitted at the GSIS Museum located at the GSIS Main Office, Financial Center, Reclamation Area, Pasay City (CCP Complex-Diosdado macapagal Ave.) on April 25, 2009, Saturday from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM only.

Prizes

Representational
1st Prize - P300,000
2nd Prize - P200,000
3rd Prize - P100,000
5 Hon. Mentions - P50,000 each

Non-representational
1st Prize - P300,000
2nd Prize - P200,000
3rd Prize - P100,000
5 Hon. Mentions - P50,000 each

Detailed Guidelines and Official Entry Forms are available at all GSIS offices (headquarters, Regional Offices and Satellite Offices) and at the AAP Office, Kanlungan ng Sining, Rizal Park, Manila (Tel. # 496 0992)

For more information, you may log on to www.gsis.gov.ph. Email your queries to museum@gsis.gov.ph or call 8590395. Complete guidelines are also available and posted at http://aapgroup.multiply.com.



GSIS

INQUIRER Mindanao

Nanay Clarita's cycle of pain, suffering

Losing four sons to extrajudicial killings, abandoned by a husband and pushing carts to earn a living, Nanay Clarita said her life has been an endless cycle of suffering and struggle



THERE ARE NIGHTS when sleep is impossible and Clarita Alia is transported back to happier days when all her six children are still with her. She raised them all, after her husband left them 19 years ago, with the help of a backbreaking job as kargador, or porter, at the Bankerohan Public Market.

"Kill us all"

Youngest son

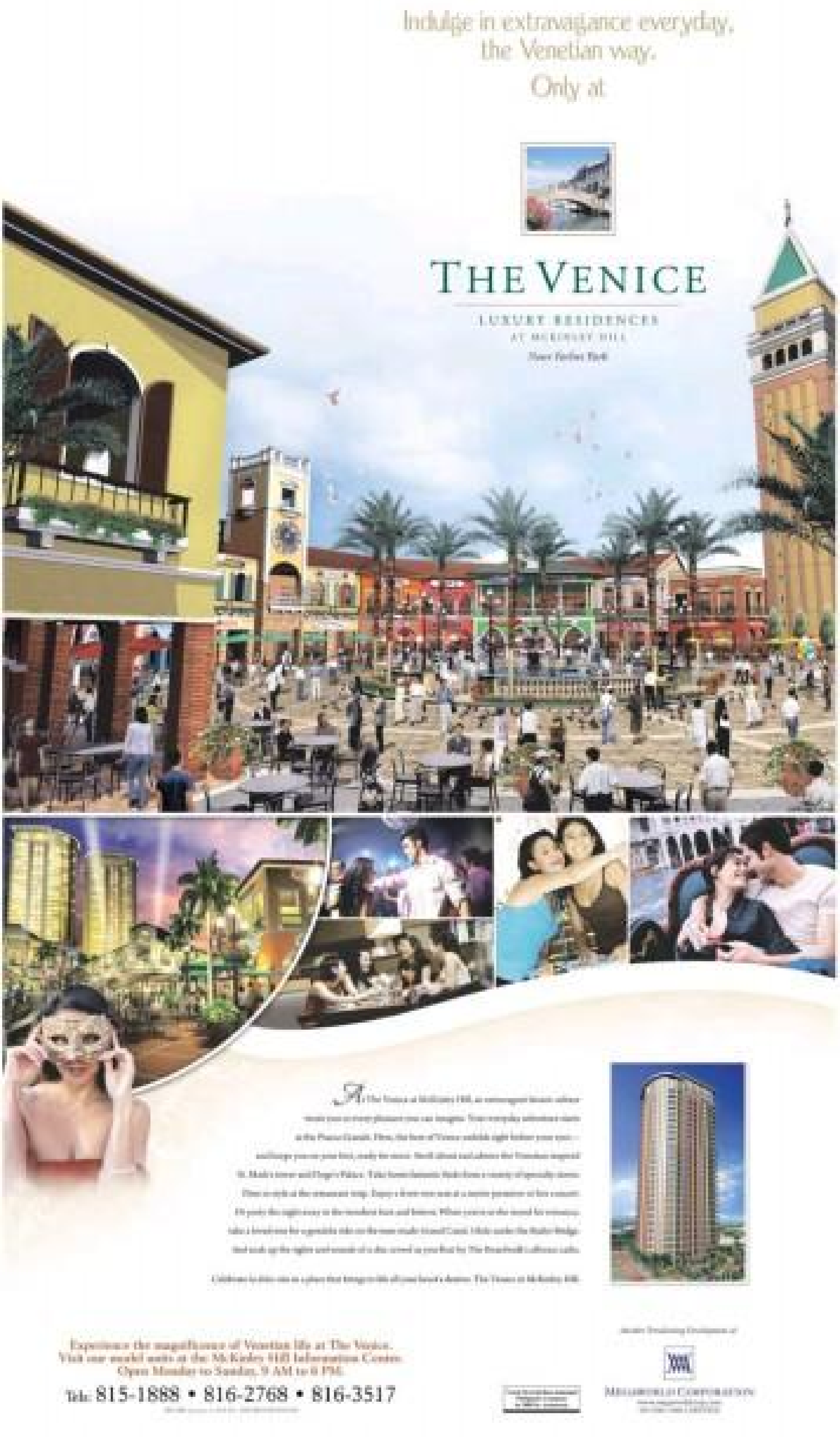
Death comes

Culture of impunity

"I am already old and I am tired," she said.

Nanay Clarita could well be the loneliest mother on Earth.

"My children had left me," she said.


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A new chill-out place by the bay

Manila Ocean Park to showcase more than just giant aquariums

By Erika Sauler

THERE'S A NEW CHILL-OUT PLACE RIGHT ON the waters of Manila Bay. And soon, aquarium-themed hotel, food museum, jellyfish exhibit and swimming lagoons.

The Manila Ocean Park has launched Sunset Quay, the floating shopping and dining arcade, as a place for families and friends to hang out for free. They also announced to a media night on Wednesday soon-to-open attractions such as Hotel H2O, Makanaorn, Jellyfish Bar and Open Marine Habitat.

The Sunset Quay (pronounced as key), the promenade of the ocean park, offers a great view of the sunset and is lined with restaurants, bars and retail stores. It will also offer live performances such as acrobatic shows and musical entertainment, said vice president for operations Irma Nuevo.

The Manila Ocean Park, behind the Quirino Grandstand in Rizal Park, opened its oceanarium last year as a tourist and educational facility. The ocean park, a project by the Philippine Tourism Authority with Malaysian and Singaporean investors, houses a wide variety of aquatic species indigenous to Southeast Asia such as sharks, stingrays and invertebrates.

Media practitioners had a taste of what it's like to hang out at Sunset Quay during its launch as they were offered food and drinks from Oceana restaurant while enjoying the live band music amid the ocean breeze.

Hotel H2O by China Oceanis Philippines Inc., an aquarium-themed ten-story urban resort hotel, with huge aquarium walls, will open in August, director for sales and marketing Christopher John Legaspi said.

Guests can choose from three types of its 127 rooms and 20 suites with the Park View facing Rizal Park, the Bay View overlooking Manila Bay and the Aqua Suites featuring aquarium walls.

Legaspi said the hotel will cater to "creative" guests. "They're not mere tourists, they're travelers out to experience culture and bring something unique out of their visits," he said.

A "50-word story" project will also be published upon the consent of guests who are encouraged to write 50-word articles whenever inspiration strikes during their stay.

For foodies, there's Makanaorn Asian Food Village, a free-admission museum-restaurant that celebrates Asian food history and culture which will showcase various Singaporean, Malaysian, Korean, Indian, Japanese and Chinese dishes.

The Manila Ocean Park will also build two swimming lagoons called Open Marine Habitat where guests can get up close and personal with sea creatures as they wade, snorkel or swim along artificial reefs.

On the other hand, the Jellyfish Bar will feature various sizes, shapes and colors of sea jellies while employing new technology in lighting, music and multimedia effects for an extraordinary visual experience. It is expected to open this June and targeted to be an educational destination by day and a vibrant chill-out place at night.



HOW THE Sunset Quay will look like once finished. Inset: A room at the planned Hotel H2O with an aquarium-inspired wall.

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GLOBAL Pinoy



Cooking up new skills after losing their jobs abroad

By TJ Burgonio



Government seminar



Loan from Owwa

Enjoying the food

10-day course

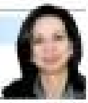
Her regular guests



No April Fools Day for professionals

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Lourdes Santos Tancinco



The H1B quota

The lottery process

Rejected petitions

Exempt from the cap

No certainty of future

The WORLD

Editor: Lorenzo B. Ziga

Japan deploys destroyers vs N. Korea rocket launch

TOKYO—JAPAN DEPLOYED TWO BALLISTIC MISSILE destroyers to the Sea of Japan on Saturday to intercept any dangerous debris in the event that a controversial missile launch planned by North Korea goes awry.

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JAPAN Maritime Self-Defense Force's ballistic missile defense ships Chokai (bottom) and Kongou leave from a port of JMSDF Sasebo Base in Sasebo, southwestern Japan, on March 28.

Reuters

Death toll in Indonesia dam burst rises to 77

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Kings halt skid, down Bulls

League takes Holy Week break; RP games up next

By Musong R. Castillo

PANABO, DAVAO DEL NORTE—ROD NEALY AND Ronald Tubid scored 29 points each as Barangay Ginebra snapped a five-game losing streak with a 111-103 victory over Barako Bull last night in a PBA Fiesta Cup road game presented by Phoenix Fuel at the Panabo Sports and Cultural Center here.

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LANCER Sidelights

Despite his third round exit in the 2009 Mitsubishi Lancer ITF Junior Championships, foreign coaches still look up to the potential of Francis Casey Alcantara.

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MSU Tawi-Tawi books Bora stint



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Singapore ends Illam reign

By Marc Anthony Reyes



PSC planning restoration of football field at RMSC

By June Navarro



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LeBron, Mo help Cavs make it 11 straight



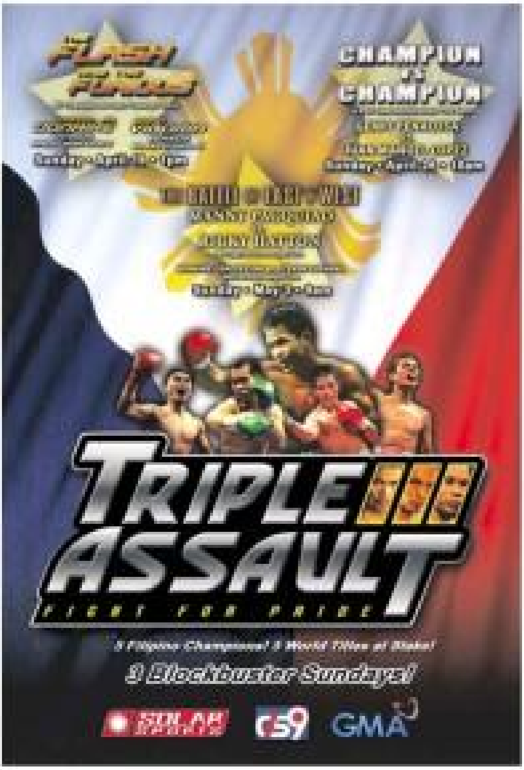
Title crack for Berta-Alcantara in boys' doubles



Que moves up as Frankie cools off



'Aquamarine' II stakes race today



Taekwondo looks beyond medals to shape winning attitude



There is something in ancient martial arts like taekwondo that brings practitioners to a higher level of aspiration – to be a whole person inside and out. Discipline of mind and body honed by "the way of the foot and the fist," as taekwondo loosely translates.

Down to the grassroots

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Reyes food tradition lives on



FRANCISCO Reyes with his family

By Corrie Salientes-Mariano

FRANCISCO REYES WAS BORN TO a family that loves good food. He grew up seeing and hearing family members discuss and create the best possible food preparations for the clan's famous Aristocrat chain of restaurants.

Like his siblings and cousins, Frank, as he is fondly called by family and friends, started working in the famous Aristocrat chain when he was a teenager as a checker or accounting clerk on weekends and during school breaks. He later joined older sister Eugenia and helped her manage her franchised Aristocrat restaurants.

Thus, Frank's decision to go into the food business himself many years later came as no surprise, although his educational background—mechanical engineering—didn't seem to fit in the world where most members of his clan belong.

In 1991, Frank, who was then newly married to Inez, got his own franchise and put up his Aristocrat stores in the food courts of SM North Edsa and Shangri-La Mall. Ten years later, his franchise contracts expired and were not renewed. That was when Frank and Inez decided to take the leap and pursue the business concept Frank had been developing during his 20-year stint in the family's food and restaurant business.

But when he decided to go on his own, Frank vowed he would carve his own niche and make a name for himself.

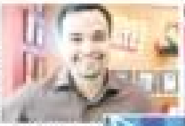


FROM TWO stores in 2003, there are now 50 Reyes Barbecue branches.

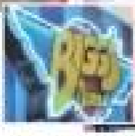
REYES/B4



Fast-food chain builds brand in Bicol and beyond







Goings-On

Cardinal Santos now under MPIC management

Cebu Holdings wins MAP award

Sun Cellular offers new service

Reyes food tradition lives on

Focused

It's in the sauce

Porsche training center in Asia

No damsel in distress

A leader's way

Authenticity

Summary

Manufacturers weave, craft dreams to export

5 attributes of inspirational leaders

A LEADER'S WAY



John C. Maxwell

Burger venture defies recession





Centex taps a master

Sunday Biz



PORSCHE TRAINING CENTER IN ASIA

Learning, working in the fast lane

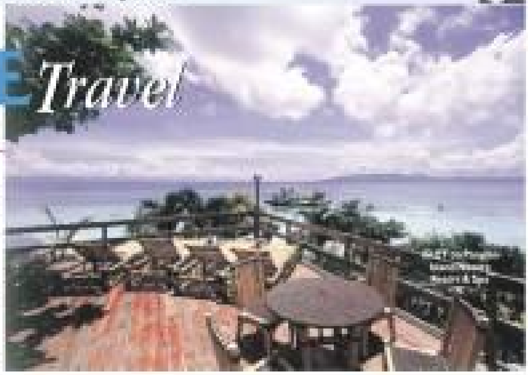
Manufacturers weave, craft dreams to export







Sunday LIFESTYLE Travel



SUMMER ESCAPE GUIDE

Bohol: There's more to discover

High-end resorts, *ube* jam, traditional jewelry—your guide to a peaceful Lenten break

Bohol: There's more to discover



BOHOL Beach Club





AMORITA Resort infinity pool



INFINITY pool at Panglao Island Nature Resort & Spa



HANDUMANAN & Café Lawis in Dauis

Favorite place

Exceptional food

River cruises

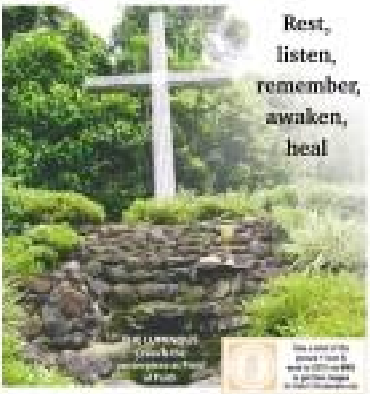


AMARELA Resort beach

Summer Escape Guide

Find your peace in this Field of Faith

Text and photos
by Ma. Ceres P. Doyo



THE LUMINOUS Cross in the ... at Field of Faith

Rest, listen, remember, awaken, heal

AS OFTEN AS YOU can, take a trip out to the fields and pray. All the grasses will enter your prayers and give you strength to sing praises to God."

These words from an 18th-century rabbi ring true once your feet touch the grass and the stillness embraces you like a shawl of soft rain.

Truly this is one of the beautiful spots on Earth which the eye of the soul can behold, and can be seen by the physical eyes and felt by one's entire being.

Field of Faith calls out gently to everyone who comes: Rest. Listen. Feel. Remember. Awaken. Heal. It might as well remind: Do not hurry, you are at home. This is a sanctuary, a repository of beauty, a haven for sojourners and seekers.

Something here is alive and nurturing. Spirit of place, it is called. A guiding hand created this place. It is meant to be shared.

Field of Faith is at the foot of a mountain in Cabuyao, Laguna, an hour and 45 minutes drive from Manila. The four-hectare sanctuary came to be in 2004 as a family's thanksgiving for divine healing.

Owned and maintained by the family of former Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Governor Gabriel Singson and his wife, writer Moonyeen [illegible], the place was landscaped, designed and continually beautified by their daughter, Carissa Singson-[illegible], with the help of divinely inspired artists, gardeners and other kindred spirits.

A luminous cross surrounded by purpling waters stands at the heart of the place. There is the chapel without walls embraced by trees. Here, one could sit alone or join others for a joyful celebration. Butterflies, birds, fish and other living things contribute their energy to the place.

Labyrinth, satsang halls

Surely something to experience is the wide open hall with the ancient labyrinth design on the floor, which one could trace, tile after tile, with one's steps and with a meditation guide on audio.

The labyrinth walk is a "kinetic" form of prayer and meditation of the early Christians.

"Today," Carissa explains, "walking the labyrinth has become a metaphor for the spiritual journey. It is a powerful tool for transformation. It can help inspire change and renewal, and serves as a guide to help us develop higher levels of awareness."

"The journey of self-realization is at the heart of spiritual traditions of all religions. It is a journey to meet the self and the Divine," she adds.

One needs time and quiet to get to the center and emerge from the labyrinth. Walk slowly along the path until you feel and remember that deep inside you is something valuable and worth knowing.

The newly built satsang hall is the sanctuary's wellness and workshop area to help people regain unity of mind, body and spirit. Lessons are taken from Eastern and Western traditions that stress the totality of one's being and experiencing the divine. Satsang, a Sanskrit word, means "a gathering for truth."

Wishing wall

The Shekinah Wishing Wall offers its crevices to be filled with petitions and wishes. Shekinah is a Hebrew word that means "the God who dwells within." In Christianity and Judaism, Shekinah refers to the Holy Spirit.

For those drawn to the outdoors, there's the [illegible] that complements the lush tropical landscape. Each spot, detail and structure has a message to impart and echoes all its own. The words of wisdom—ancient and new—embossed, engraved, painted, etched and hung on walls and pathways, call out to be read and internalized.

Take the 800-m pathway dotted with the stations of the cross and the mysteries of the rosary rendered in either wood, resin or metal. Stop in meditation spots to rest and reflect. Various artists went to work to make this portion not just a prayer path but also an art walkway.

One need not worry about where to stay. There are comfortable rooms and modern amenities. The glass hall serves as a dining area where healthy meals are served. There is a swimming pool for those who wish to cool away.

Healing garden

When Moonyeen discovered she had stage four colon cancer in 2000, Field of Faith was not even an idea.

"From my sister, I learned about this healing garden owned by an Italian family in Europe," Moonyeen recalls. "People went there to pray and experienced miracles."

She thought, why not do something similar in the Philippines?

After Moonyeen returned from therapy in Singapore, the family decided to work on a property in Laguna which had been handed down by Moonyeen's grandfather, [illegible].

"It was a wilderness," Carissa says. "Little by little, the place became transformed into God's field—for all faiths." The place opened in 2005.

On special times of the year like Holy Week, Field of Faith attracts people who wish to be more in prayer, quiet and beauty. The place could be used throughout the year for retreats, seminars and other group activities.

Truly, this is God's field. It continues to grow and is ever renewing.

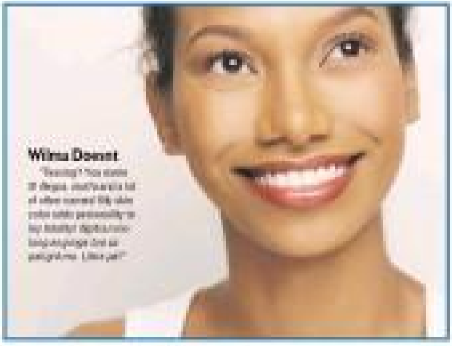
For inquiries, contact [illegible], 8157265 or 7233083. E-mail field_of_faith@yahoo.com. Visit www.fieldoffaithsanctuary.com



JESUS in the Garden in stone and metal



MOONYEEN [illegible] walks the path toward healing



Wilma Doesnt



Erich Gonzales

Dove defines real beauty in unlikely faces

'When I Look in the Mirror'



Schulze



Cris Villonco



Kate Torralba



Hontiveros



Nita Hontiveros-Lichauco

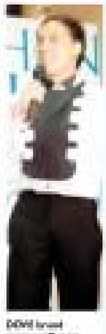
Celebrating beautifully imperfect women











Sunday LIFESTYLE Relationships

ROAD MAP TO OLD AGE (PART 6)

We need an alternative to hospital bills

By Gilda Cordero-Fernando
Contributor

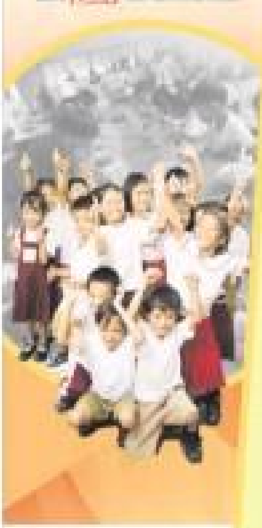
Wilted

No treatments

The flow

Silence is space





Private party of a special lady

By Larry Leviste
Contributor


SEN. LOREN Legarda and Lammie Benipayo

"PRIVATE PARTY" WAS THE only sign at the ballroom entrance of Manila Mandarin. That low-key like the place was filled with powerful public servants, family and friends of beautiful and bejeweled Gigi Gonzales Reyes.

It was a surprise birthday party for her glorious mom, Glo Gonzales, a pillar in Philippine education. At 8 p.m., "Mommy" Glo Gonzales was ushered into the ballroom, fragrant with tube roses and peonies. She shed copious tears upon finding out her family went to great lengths to make her day unforgettable.

Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile and Sen. Loren Legarda led the VIPs of the evening. Several Supreme Court Justices, old friends from media (Gloria is the widow of the late Bulletin editor Ike Gonzales), kin and her mesmerized and Manila's whose made the ballroom very cozy.

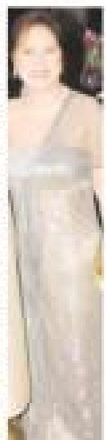
Great cuisine from the Mandarin, ballroom dancers, musical numbers and good old table conversation contributed to the birthday celebration of a very special lady.


WOMAN of the hour Glo Gonzales


LAWYERS Gigi G. Reyes, former President Joseph Ejercito Estrada and Gloria Gonzales Cooper


JUSTICE Bernadette Salazar Fernando, Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile and Justice Consuelo Ynares-Santiago

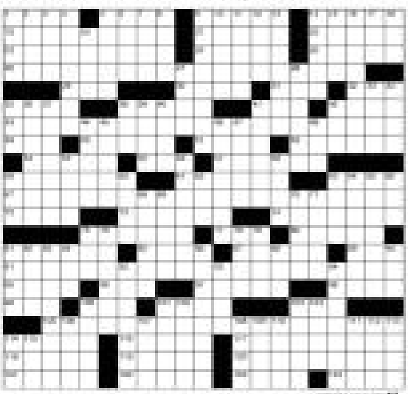

EVIS Conzo, former President Erap Estrada and Ruby Tuason


GIGI Reyes

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD / By Frank A. Longo

TWO DEVILISH DEFINITIONS



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Woman in love with 'con man'

EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Marcelo





'7 Last Words' . . .

Lenten schedule

Book for a cause

Visita Iglesia



'7 Last Words' in Holy Land to be aired April 10

PURELY PERSONAL

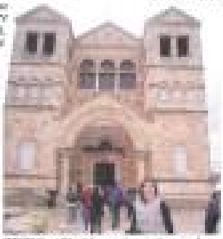


Josephine Darang

TV Maria

San Lorenzo at POEA

Marian pilgrimage



'SEVEN Last Words' executive producer and director Mony Cosido at Mt. Tabor, where the Transfiguration of Jesus took place



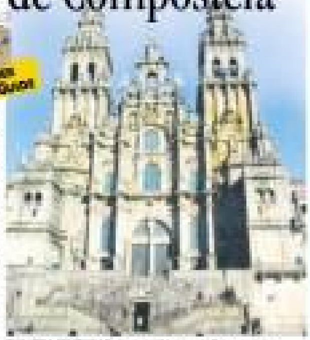
Sunday LifeStyle Travel



We walked the pilgrim path to Santiago de Compostela

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NOT THE ENTIRE 100-km stretch, the minimum requirement for one to register as a peregrino or pilgrim (200 km if one is on bike or horse).

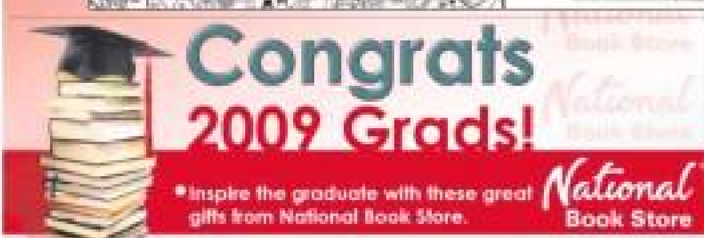

THE 17TH-CENTURY Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela



Guess who won the race to 'beso-beso' Blair?



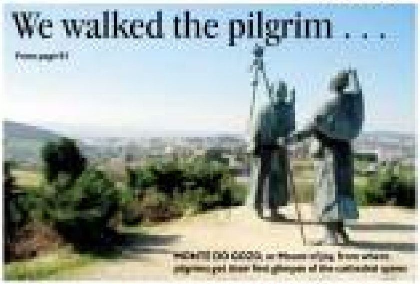


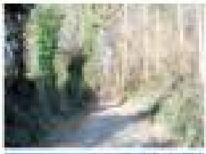






We walked the pilgrim . . .





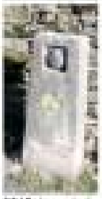






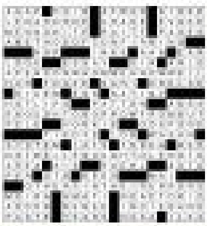






Creative

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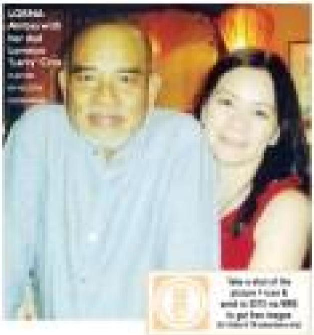
Lorenzo finally gets his way

By Margo C. Enriquez
Contributor





> 'Fear not, we have nothing to lose but my name'



Standards

Professionals

Sophisticated

Best of the best



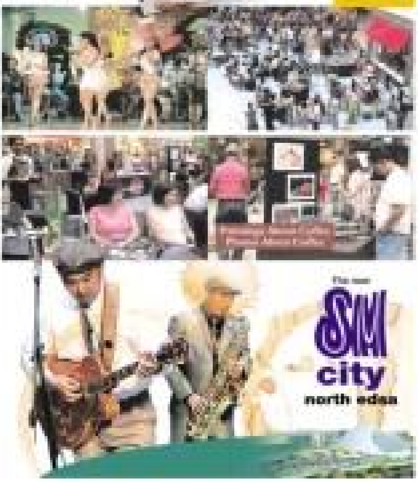
TRAVEL BRIEFS

Etihad's new developments

RP's medical tourism

Coffee Time, Anytime, at SM





Poveda High School marks 25th year



POVEDA High School Batches '84 and '85

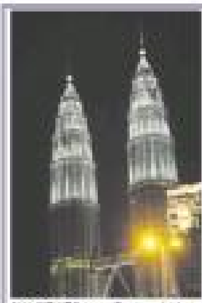


School of ballet holds grand recital today

Guess who won the race to 'beso-beso'...

Affordable travel made possible by Cebu Pacific

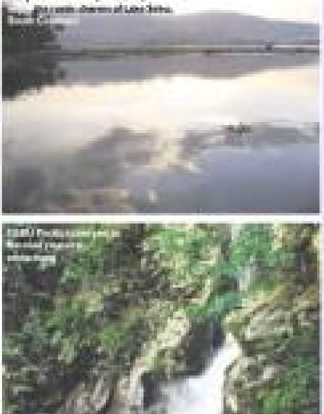
Now, every Juan can fly!



MALAYSIA'S Petronas Towers and other famous landmarks are now easily and affordably reached via Cebu Pacific.









Sunday LIFESTYLE



FORMER Prime Minister Tony Blair with performing artists led by Lea Salonga and Ballet Philippines dancers at the Infinity Awards

From Blair to Belo and all the photo-ops in between

My voluminous Rajo Laurel gown was topped off with a Medusa headpiece. Picture-perfect!

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From Blair to Belo and all the photo-ops in between





TESSA!
Tessa Prieto-Valdes









Topnotch spa

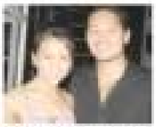




Foodie oasis

Beautiful Cebu

Distinct voice





















STRONG SUPPORT FOR SURE MOMS



Real estate developer awards its top brokers in Cebu

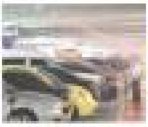




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In a tux or tank top, he's Legend

Review

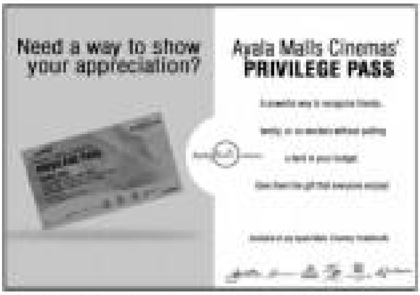


'Mr. Right' for her mom













'Mr. Right' . . .

Conditions

'Miraculous, healing hands' on Q 11's 'Chances Are'

What she'd do for her drug habit

By the Entertainment staff

RUSHES SUNDAY

The unforgiven

In praise of older women

Green-eyed guarantee

'Slumdog' impetus

'Twilight' sequel

All the right notes

Sean as a Stooge



Adam Lambert



Robert Pattinson

Top of the tabloids



LEGEND changed into a tuxedo to play "Ordinary People."

In a tux or tank top, he's Legend

Solid groove

Cool, this dude

DID YOU KNOW...

Dan Seals: 61

Entertainment





Having her own trailer a big thrill for Charice

(Conclusion)



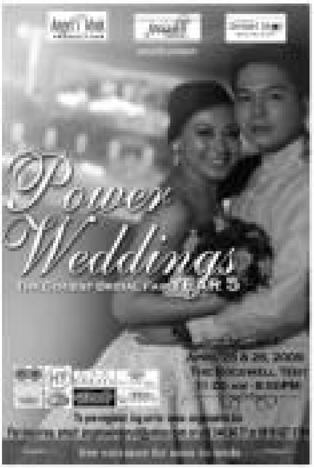
Only IN Hollywood
Ruben V. Nepales

LOS ANGELES—WE CONTINUE blogging about our set visit to Charice Pempengco's first Hollywood movie, "Alvin and the Chipmunks 2: The Squeakquel," where she plays one of the contestants in a high school musical

"TV, fridge, bathroom, shower—it's like a mini house," Charice says of her big perk.









GALLERIA

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Having her own trailer . . .

From page H1

The young Pinay appeared with Jordin Sparks and Bon Jovi in a tribute to Muhammad Ali last weekend

'Amazing' voice

YouTube hit material





Clarification of the Flag Law

FEEDBACK

From Col. Leonardo [illegible] (Ret.), 14 Twin Peaks Dr., Blue Ridge B, Q.C.:

I add a reaction to the report "[illegible]" on page [illegible] of the Entertainment Section in your newspaper dated March 22, 2009.

The article touches on a "probable violation of the Flag Law" in the March 18 Kapamilya episode of the program "Tayong Dalawa." It further specifies that the "violation" was for having "displayed the Philippine flag vertically (instead of horizontally)."

Section 10, c) of RA 8491, known as the Flag and Heraldic Code of the Philippines, prescribes that the National flag must be hung vertically. An exception is when it is "hoisted on flag poles." In Section 14 [illegible] (Display of Flag), it further declares that the Flag should be displayed "horizontally face-up" and "hoisted aloft and be allowed to fall freely."

I am an advocate of the proper use and display of the Philippine Flag. Your article may have misled the public and [illegible] of our people on the treatment of our most revered national emblem.

Having her own trailer a big thrill for Charice

From page H1

[illegible]

First big scene

[illegible]

Big Chipmunks fan

[illegible]



"I WANT to try all kinds of music—R&B, ballads, swing or jazz and the kind that Michael Bublé sings."

One OPM tune

[illegible]

Five memorable moments

[illegible]